

APPENDIX S

DELTA AGENCIES

DELTA PROTECTION COMMISSION

The Delta Protection Commission (DPC) is a state regional planning agency with authority over a 450,000-acre portion of the Delta. The authorizing legislation was passed in 1992 (PRC Section 29700 et seq.), and the commission started meeting in January 1993. The DPC was charged with preparing a regional land use and resources management plan for the Delta to protect and enhance the three existing land uses: agriculture, wildlife habitat, and recreation. The plan was adopted in February 1995. Local governments were required to ensure that their general plans conformed with the regional plan; local general plan amendments were completed in March 1997. The DPC has appeal authority over the local government amendments. The DPC has appeal authority over the local government amendments. The 19-member DPC includes six state agency directors, five county supervisors, three city council members, and five reclamation district representatives. Coordination with the DPC is necessary to ensure that all beneficial reuse projects under the scrutiny of local approval adequately conform with the pertinent regional and local plans, and plan amendments, set forth by DPC or the local governments.

CENTRAL VALLEY REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD

In 1967, the Porter-Cologne Act established the State Water Resource Control Board (SWRCB) and nine regional boards as the primary state agencies with regulatory authority over water quality and appropriative surface water rights allocations. The Delta is under the jurisdiction of the Central Valley (Region 5) and the San Francisco Bay (Region 2) Regional Water Quality Control Boards (CVRWQCB and SFRWQCB), which carry out policies and procedure adopted under their respective Water Quality Control Plans. Amendments to the basin plan to control agricultural subsurface drainage and lower San Joaquin River water quality objectives currently are being considered for adoption. Since the majority of the beneficial reuse projects in the Delta is out of the SFRWQCB jurisdiction, it is necessary to coordinate with the CVRWQCB in order to comply with the necessary regulatory requirements of their district.

DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES

The Department of Water Resources (DWR) Central District conducts studies and collaborates with local agencies to define local and regional water resource needs in the Delta and coordinates solutions that are compatible with the Statewide Water Plan. The DWR manages the Delta Flood Protection Act of 1988 for the California Reclamation Board, provides guidance to local flood control officials and engineers on management of levee maintenance projects, and provides financial assistance for maintenance and

rehabilitation costs of nonproject (mostly privately maintained) levees in a manner that causes no net long-term loss of habitat in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta. In addition, DWR works closely with dredgers, local reclamation districts, and regulatory agencies to provide promotional,

technical, and financial assistance for the beneficial reuse of dredged material in the Delta. Dredged material is needed for levee rehabilitation and wildlife habitat development/improvement projects in the Delta. Coordination with DWR is essential due to their vested interest and active participation in the flood control practices of the Delta.

CALFED

CALFED is currently involved with a Long-Term Levee Protection Plan that outlines a long-term strategy to reduce the risk to land use and associated economic activities, water supply, infrastructure, and ecosystems from catastrophic breaching of Delta levees. CALFED provides a unique opportunity for federal, state, and local agencies to jointly address the needs of such a plan. The CALFED Levee Program will institute a program that is cost-shared among the beneficial users while benefiting those who depend on the presence of secure levees. This program will reconstruct Delta levees to the Corps' PL 84-99 Delta Specific Standard as well as continue the existing Special Flood Control Projects effort to provide additional flood protection for key Delta levees. CALFED has many resources to carry out this plan as well as the potential to integrate dredged material as a source for levee protection. Coordination with CALFED is essential to successfully carry out beneficial reuse projects for levee protection in the Delta.